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Fenty at King-Greenleaf Rec



(Excerpts from release by Mayor-Elect Fenty - The event occurred after The Southwester went to press)

Mayor-Elect Adrian Fenty visited SW on Dec. 13 for a “Workshop” at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center.

Fenty’s advance announcement stated:

“If you attend the meeting you will be seated at one of 20 tables with up to 9 other Ward 6 residents. The workshop moderator(s) will then introduce a series of topics to be discussed at each table. At the conclusion of the allotted discussion time three or four tables will be asked to report the results of their discussions on each topic until all tables have had an opportunity to report their discussion results. The topics to be discussed are: (1) Schools & Education; (2) Public Safety; (3) Healthcare & Human Services; (4) Economic Development & Affordable Housing; (5) Environment & Infrastructure; and (6) Other important issues not otherwise discussed.”

“This is an early opportunity to provide feedback to the incoming administration on issues of concern to our neighborhood and Ward.”

Waterside Mall to Be Mixed-Use Town Center

(Excerpts from DC government release)

Mayor Anthony A. Williams visited 4th St. S.W & M St. to announce that Waterside Mall will soon be transformed into a 2.5 million square foot mixed-use town center featuring office, residential and retail space including an improved, full-service grocery store for the neighborhood.

Waterfront Associates — a joint venture among Forest City Washington, Vornado/Charles E. Smith and Bresler & Reiner, which currently owns the existing buildings at 401 M Street, SW — will develop the office, residential and retail space in the new Waterfront town center, while the RLA Revitalization Corporation (RLARC), a subsidiary of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC), will develop the Northeast section of the site into a mixed-use building.

The project also intends to re-open 4th Street, SW to help improve vehicle and pedestrian access and create a more walk-able neighborhood.

The DC government will occupy 500,000 square feet in two new buildings fronting 4th Street, SW, [to be occupied by the D.C. Department of Regulatory Affairs and Department of Finance.

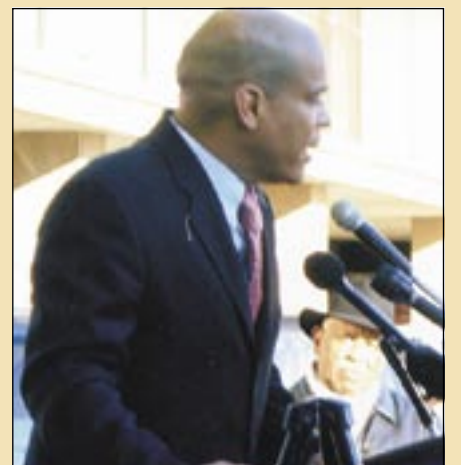
Construction of the first phase of the project will begin in 2007.



Architects drawings show how 4th St. will be put through from I St. SW to M St, with new buildings on each side.



Mayor Anthony Williams broke the news to a crowd gathered at 4th and M St. SW.



Anthony Freeman, Pres. & CEO of the NCRC/RLARC also spoke.

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Water Street to Be Replaced in New Plan

A slide show on the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation’s plans for reconstructing the Southwest Waterfront was given at the Nov. 27 public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

PN Hoffman, major developer, has this vision of new housing, shops, offices, maritime uses and cultural attractions on the Southwest Waterfront in coming years. (See the Nov. ‘06 Southwester for more drawings. www.swdc.org.)



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Randall School Redevelopment Moves Forward

(excerpts from release from Mayor's office)

Mayor Anthony A. Williams has announced that the District has finalized the sale of the Randall School in Southwest Washington to the Corcoran Gallery of Art for \$6.2 million. The proceeds of the sale will be used exclusively for the maintenance, improvement, rehabilitation, and repair of schools in the District.

The site will be developed into a unique arts/residential mixed use project on I Street, and the city's share of profits from the development of the residential portion - profits estimated to be in excess of \$1 million which are on top of the proceeds from the sale -- will be used to improve homeless shelters.

The Corcoran will develop the property into a mixed-use facility that will accommodate residential, museum and art school uses. The Corcoran will occupy 80,000 square feet that will be used for art education, art display, an art gallery, adult education, dance, theater, and community outreach.

The residential portion of the development will include at least 200 units, at least 40 of which will be classified as affordable.

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Metro: Waterfront-SEU

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Location: SEU, 501 I Street, SW
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Southwest Community Calendar December 17, 2006 to January 31, 2007

SAT. DEC. 16 Hanukkah

TUES. DEC. 19 Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm

THURS. DEC. 21 Police PSA 104 meeting with neighbors, Syphax Village Hall, Half St. SW between N St. SW and O St. SW, 7 pm

FRI. DEC. 22 SW Night at Arena Stage \$20 Noises Off (tickets going fast) 8 pm

MON. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

MON. DEC. 25 to Fri. Jan. 8 winter holiday for DC Public Schools

SUN. DEC. 31 New Year's Eve

MON. JAN. 1, 2007 New Years Day

TUES. JAN. 2 Police Advisory Council, 415 - 4th St. SW, 7 pm

MON. JAN 8 ANC public meeting at St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7 pm

WED. JAN. 10 AARP, River Park, 1401 Delaware Ave. SW, noon

MON. JAN. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday

TUES. JAN. 16 Start of Pre-Apprenticeship Training.

THURS. JAN. 18 Police PSA 104 meeting with neighbors, Harbour Square, 541 N St. SW, 7 pm

SAT. JAN 20 Third Sat. public breakfast \$5 Christ Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW, entrance across from SW Library 9- 11 am.

MON. JAN. 22 SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm

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S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wednesday, January 3.

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Jeff Students Meet Nilo Cruz

Excerpts from release by Arena Stage

Arena Stage [hosted] leading American playwright Nilo Cruz in a theater workshop and panel discussion for D.C. teens, college students and the general public on December 5. Arena Stage's Voices of Now Ensemble, an after-school teen drama initiative for Southwest youth, were joined by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Nilo Cruz (Anna in the Tropics) for a master class at Jefferson Junior High School.

That evening, Cruz was joined by fellow acclaimed playwrights David Henry Hwang (M. Butterfly), Charles Randolph-Wright (Blue) and Karen Zacarias (Mariela in the Desert) for a panel discussion at Georgetown University for theater students and the general public.

The events are part of Arena Stage's major milestone announcement in its Next Stage Campaign, an ongoing fundraising effort to raise \$118 million toward its new theater complex.

NCRC Approves Land Agreement for Waterside Mall

An agreement setting the terms for demolishing Waterside Mall at 4th & M St. SW starting in 2007 and replacing it with office buildings, retail space and housing was approved by city agencies owning the land. Developers will be Waterfront Associates, a joint venture between Forest City Washington, Vonado/Charles E. Smith and Bresler & Reiner.

Fourth St. will be reopened from I St. SW to M St. SW, curving around the METRO station on M St. SW.

A release by the city states, in part: "Waterfront Associates currently owns the existing buildings at 401 M St., SW, and controls the land through a long-term ground lease that expires in 2078. The [agreement] between RLARC [Redevelopment Land Agency Revitalization Commission, a subsidiary of the NCRC (National Capital Revitalization Commission)] and Waterfront Associates will extinguish the existing ground lease, and convey Waterfront Associates the fee simple ownership in a portion of the land. In return, RLARC will retain fee simple own-

ership in a portion of the site that is sufficient in size to develop a 400,000 square foot mixed-use residential building."

"The [agreement] provides a number of community benefits, as well. It increases the development's retail minimums from 75,000 square feet to 110,000 square feet, and allows as much as 160,000 square feet of neighborhood serving retail to be built on the site. The [agreement] also provides additional assurances, which were specifically requested by the community, that a full service grocery store be a part of the redevelopment."

"In addition, the [agreement] also ensures that this project will provide 130 to 160 new affordable and workforce housing units, generate employment for District residents, create job training opportunities for residents of Southwest Washington, DC, reserve retail space for qualified local businesses and support active participation from District Local, Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises."

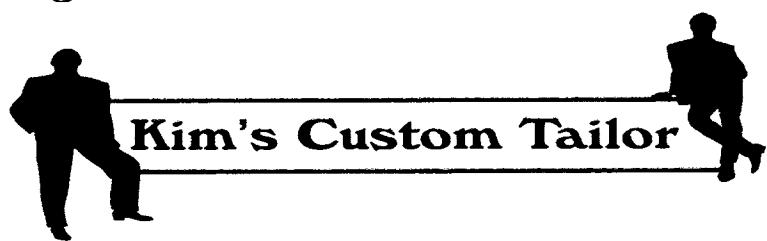


Louis Slade, Principal of Gove/Slade Associates spoke.

Game Day Plan Explained

Plans were explained to the SWNA meeting in Nov. for the D.C. Dept. of Transportation, Police, METRO, Office of Planning and the Sports and Entertainment Commission to manage traffic, parking and safety when games are scheduled at the new baseball stadium on So. Capitol St. SE.

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Parade of Lighted Boats

Over 40 yachts, sail boats and service vessels from local marinas , Alexandria and beyond were decorated with strings of lights for the annual parade up and down the SW channel late on Sat. Dec. 2. A similar parade to Georgetown occurred on Dec. 3.

Photos by Perry Klein.



Above, Judges of Boat Decorations: Barbara Ehrlich of Washington Waterfront Association, Jeff Seltzer, of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, Marge Maceda, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Police Commander Diane Groomes.



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Art Installed in 12th Street SW Tunnel

(Excerpts from a release to *The Southwester*)

City Arts is currently installing a 2,400 square foot mosaic installation by the Southwest Waterfront near the Jefferson Memorial.

Four 300-foot long mosaic sections will span the walls of the 12th Street tunnel where it joins Maine Avenue SW next

to the Waterfront Marina and Market, creating a gateway into this transitional area of the District.

These stainless steel-backed mosaics will be the largest and longest installation of its kind in the city.

Working with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the sponsorship of the Philip L. Graham Fund, the nonprofit organization City Arts is install-

ing this 2,400 square foot mosaic. Four 300-foot long mosaic sections will span the walls of the 12th Street tunnel with 11-foot high glass and tile designs featuring serpentine abstractions and stylized images of the river and local wildlife.

Founded in 1997 by G. Byron Peck, City Arts (www.cityartsdc.org) creates large-scale murals, mosaics, and other public art works. City Arts projects

include the Duke Ellington mural on U Street, NW, the Metro Center mural located inside metro's hub station at 12th & F Streets, NW, and the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center mural, featuring the Williams sisters and Arthur Ashe, located on Mississippi Avenue, SE.

Photos by Perry Klein.



G. Byron Peck with his glass and tile mosaics being installed in the 12th St. SW tunnel under the SW Freeway (395).



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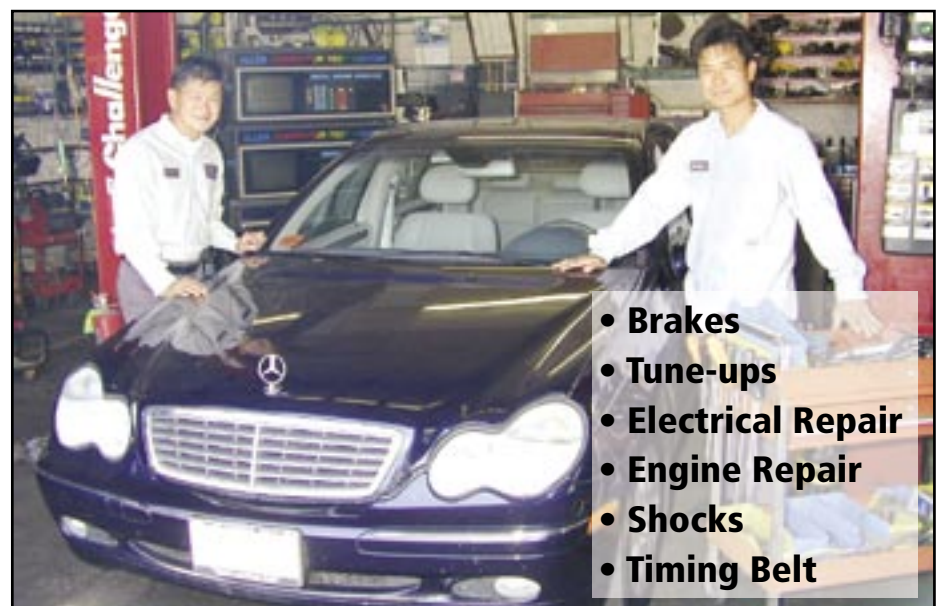
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American Education Sunday in SW

Students from Wilson High, Jefferson Jr. and Bowen Elementary School performed at the annual American Education Sunday in SW.



Rev. Ruth Hamilton, above right, gave contributions to the schools, which were represented by Greg Bargeman, an administrator at Wilson High, left; Mr. Ma, principal of Jefferson Jr., and Mrs. Hawkins, principal at Anthony Bowen.

Below, a Jefferson student represented her school with a speech.



Choirs from Wilson High, above, and Bowen Elementary, left, performed.



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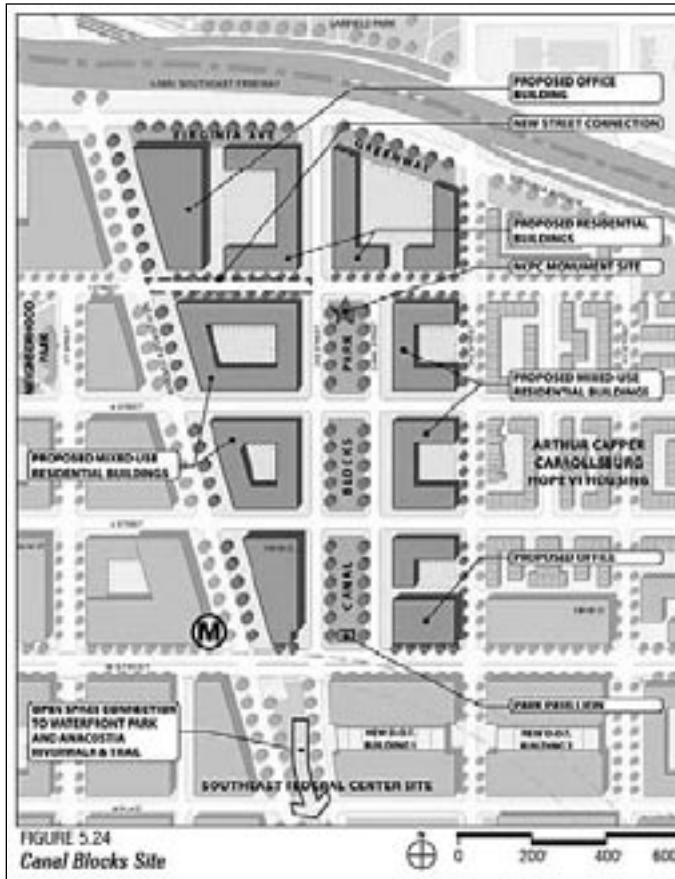
(Excerpts from AWC release)

The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) announced that The Commission on Fine Arts has approved the concept design for the proposed Washington Canal Park.

"The concept design was created by the design firm of Gustafson, Guthrie Nichol Ltd of Seattle, Washington. The firm was the winner of an open design competition held in 2004 to design the new park to be located in the Near Southeast neighborhood.

"The site, located on three blocks along the route of the historic Washington Canal, once connected the Anacostia River to the U.S. Capitol and the Potomac River. The park's design will be inspired by the history of Washington Canal and will incorporate state-of-the-art urban storm water management techniques. The park will provide a green pedestrian link between Capitol Hill and the revitalized waterfront. It will be a focal point for surrounding retail, housing and offices uses, as well as a unique gathering space and centerpiece for the Near Southeast waterfront neighborhood."

Graphics showing the future appearance of the new Canal Park planned for 3 blocks near M St. SE. It will be a block west of the Arthur Capper/Carrollburg Hope VI development.



The Yards
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SE Federal Center Named "The Yards"

Forest City Washington, Inc., has unveiled a new name and logo for the area long known as Southeast Federal Center. (Release on www.fcwashington.com)

The Yards is bringing up to 1.8 million square feet of new office space, 2,800 residential units (both for lease and for sale), up to 400,000 SF of retail and a significant riverfront park and esplanade to the area of near Southeast DC formerly known as Southeast Federal Center.

Once an annex to the Washington Navy Yard, The Yards site long played a key role for the US Navy as a nautical industrial site producing ordnance for naval ships during World Wars I and II. As such, the site contains a number of historic industrial structures that will be restored as residential and retail space. Up to eight new commercial buildings are also planned, featuring impressive views of the nearby Anacostia River to the south and the iconic Capitol dome to the north. This exciting new district destination is served by the Navy Yard Metro station at First and M Streets SE and is adjacent to the new ballpark district containing the home of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team (opening Spring, 2008).



Tips for a Fire Safe Holiday Season

(Excerpt from release by DC Fire Prevention Division)

Cooking and heating-related incidents are a leading cause of home fires in the District, accounting for almost 28% of all residential fires reported. Warm cozy homes, large family gatherings and decorations are a wonderful part of the holiday season, but they can also bring fire danger. The DC Fire/EMS Department offers some winter and holiday safety tips that can help keep you and your family safe from fire.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not

break.

When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant decorations on your tree.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, which indicates conformance with safety standards. Use only lights that have fused plugs.

Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.

Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

HOME HEATING

Never leave an in-use portable heater unattended or alone with children.

Never use electric portable heaters in bathrooms or near water.

Keep at least 3 feet of open space around any portable heater.

Check power cords on portable heaters regularly for frays and damage.

Never run a heater's cord under rugs or carpeting.

Avoid using extension cords for portable heaters unless absolutely necessary. If you must use an extension cord, follow heater manufacturer's recommendations.

The DC Fire Code strictly prohibits using kerosene heaters in any location within Washington, DC.

If you are ever in a fire or health emergency situation - call 911.

For more information about how to keep your home and family fire safe this holiday season, contact the Fire Prevention Division at (202) 722-1600.

DC Circulator Routes

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has announced that now that tourist season is over, the DC Circulator bus will see changes to the current schedule on the Smithsonian -National Gallery of Art Loop. This route operates on Saturday and Sunday only, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There are no schedule changes for the two other Circulator routes. The East/West route from Georgetown to Union Station and the North/South route from the Shaw neighborhood down to the Southwest Waterfront will remain unaffected.

For more information on the DC Circulator please visit www.dccirculator.com

Youth Activities in Southwest



Above, a queen is crowned at King Greenleaf Rec's Tackle Football Homecoming.



At left, King-Greenleaf Rec's girls tag football team.



Below, Cheerleaders for King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

At right, Cheerleaders for Police Boys and Girls Club #4 performed at King-Greenleaf field.



Below, King Greenleaf Rec's tackle team (black jerseys) won their homecoming game.



Service to Youth By Cavaliers

By Gary Johnson-Bey

During the 2006 Thanksgiving Holiday season the Cavaliers provided ten turkey dinners to ten families in the SW community. They hope to have a "Let's Talk Sports" show sharing the '40s, '50s and '60s story of the semi-pro football and fast pitch softball leagues in which the Cavaliers were active.

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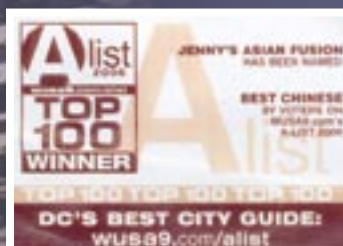
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